Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 10 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 11 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 09 Dec 2023 at 15:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable, low for details and snow levels

Headline for Sunday 10 Dec 2023: Damp cloudy start, brightening up for a time, then more cloud, rain and snow in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 10 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability							
70%	50%	40%	20%	30%	80%	30%	20%

Forecast for Sunday 10 Dec 2023

Weather: Cloudy overnight and early morning with patchy rain and summit sleet then becoming drier with some clear intervals. A mainly dry morning with some brightness, before thicker cloud brings rain to Arran by late morning and then into the rest of the Southwest Highlands in the afternoon, where it will turn to snow down to 750m, perhaps 600m in heavier outbreaks. The rain and snow will turn light and patchy in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% at first rising to 60% in morning but then falling to 20% or less during the afternoon and evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud 500-800m overnight, with poor visibility in drizzly rain, becoming patchy in morning with visibility away from cloud becoming good for a time. More low cloud then developing during the afternoon and evening with bases falling to 500m or so, with poor visibility in rain and hill snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	6/7 E	5/7 SE	10/12 SE	14/18 SE	16/21 SE	12/16 SE	11/16 E	12/16 E	15/19 NE
900	5/7 E	5/6 S	9/11 SE	11/15 SE	12/16 SE	10/15 SE	12/18 E	10/14 E	12/17 NE
600	7/9 E	4/6 SE	5/7 SE	7/10 SE	12/16 S	8/12 SE	10/14 E	9/13 E	12/16 NE
300	4/6 NE	2/4 E	3/6 E	6/11 E	8/14 SE	6/11 SE	5/8 NW	4/9 NE	7/11 NE
Glen	2/7 E	2/6 SE	2/6 SE	4/8 SE	5/11 E	4/10 E	8/17 NE	6/14 NE	5/12 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	0/-3	-0/-3	-1/-5	-1/-7	-1/-7	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8	-3/-9
900	1/-1	1/-1	1/-3	1/-4	1/-4	0/-4	-1/-6	-1/-5	-1/-6
600	4/1	4/2	4/2	4/1	4/-0	3/-0	2/-2	2/-2	1/-3
300	5/4	5/4	6/5	5/3	5/2	5/3	4/2	3/2	3/0
Glen	6/5	6/5	6/5	6/5	7/5	6/4	5/2	5/3	4/2
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1100m	900m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the falling freezing levels and increasing snow risk in afternoon.

Forecast for Monday 11 Dec 2023
Weather: Mostly cloudy with occasional, mainly light rain, with sleet or snow above 800m. Some brighter spells towards west coast.

Maximum wind: Easterly 15 gusts 25mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% but 50% in west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally cloudy with bases 500-750m. Visibility variable, occasionally poor in rain and hill snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius
At 800m: 0 Celsius falling Minus 2 in evening.
Freezing level: 800m falling 600m in evening.

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